

REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 3, 2009. Claims 17-32 and 34-37 are presented for examination, of which Claims 17 and 34 are in independent form. Claim 33 has been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 26, 29, and 35 have been amended purely as to formal matters, and Claim 34 has been amended to define aspects of Applicants' invention more clearly. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 17-32, and the indication that Claim 34 would be allowable if rewritten to be an independent claim and to overcome the indefiniteness rejection discussed on page 2 of the Office Action. By the present Amendment, Claim 34 has been amended to be in independent form, such that the essential subject matter of cancelled Claim 33 is incorporated therein, except that the second occurrence of the term "a cable" in cancelled Claim 33 appears in amended Claim 34 as "the cable." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 34 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 35-37, the only other claims remaining in the present application, depend from Claim 34 and thus also are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants noticed that the Office Action does not acknowledge Applicants' claim for foreign priority nor does it acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. As indicated on the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, mailed January 8, 2008, however, the priority document has been received by the USPTO. Also, the claim for foreign priority was made in the Declaration filed on May 29, 2007, as well as in the Application Data Sheet submitted with the filing of the present application.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of the foreign priority claim and acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and an early passage to issue of the present application.

No petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action is deemed necessary for this Amendment. If, however, such a petition is required to make this Amendment timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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